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FOR HOLBROOKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ANDREW YOUNG TRIP TO EA COUNTRIES

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1. WE VERY MUCH WELCOME AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S PROPOSED VISIT TO
THAILAND AS U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO 34TH ESCAP SESSION. BELIEVE
3-4 DAY STAY IN THAILAND, TIMED TO OPENING OF SESSION, WOULD BE
BEST USE OF HIS TIME. IN SUCH A TIME FRAME, AMBASSADOR YOUNG
WOULD BE ABLE TO DELIVER THE US STATEMENT TO SESSION, UNDERTAKE
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BILATERAL TALKS WITH RANKING ESCAP REPRESENTATIVES AND HOLD
MEETINGS WITH SENIOR RTG OFFICIALS, INCLUDING PRIMIN, AS WELL AS
GET A GLIMPSE OF NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND REFUGEE CAMPS.

2. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE BILATERALS, THE ONLY HIGH LEVEL
PARTICIPANTS IN LAST SESSION WERE AUSTRALIA (PEACOCK) AND
INDONESIA ((MALIK) WHO DEPARTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRESENTING

THEIR COUNTRY'S STATEMENTS. MOST DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN LED BY LOCAL AMBASSADORS IN THE PAST AND WE ANTICIPATE THIS WILL BE THE CASE THIS YEAR. THAI PRIME MINISTER TRADITIONALLY MAKES A WELCOMING ADDRESS AND FOREIGN MINISTER IS THAI DELEGATE BUT ATTENDS ONLY VERY SPORADICALLY. WE WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT COMPOSITION OF THIS YEAR'S DELEGATIONS AS SOON AS THEY ARE KNOWN.

3. DURING HIS STAY IN THAILAND WE WOULD HOPE TO ARRANGE SHORT VISITS FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG TO CHIANG MAI TO GET A VIEW OF THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM AND TO ONE OR MORE OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS TO OBSERVE UNHCR SUPPORT OPERATIONS.
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